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SUBJECT: HABITAT AUGUST PREPCOM: POSSIBLE ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES

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1. ISRAELI MISSION COUNSELOR ELIASHIV CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER AUGUST 11 IN THE COMPANY OF HIS SUCCESSOR, MINISTER LADOR. ELIASHIV IS RETURNING TO JERUSALEM FOLLOWING AN ASSIGNMENT OF 2-3 YEARS IN NEW YORK IN THE COURSE OF WHICH HE WAS PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED IN UN ECONOMIC WORK. ELIASHIV AND LADOR WERE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING IMPRESSIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO THE HABITAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE RAISED DURING THE MEETING OF THE HABITAT PREPCOM TO BE HELD AUGUST 25-29. ELIASHIV WAS AWARE OF AND ENCOURAGED BY THE REPORTS FROM GENEVA AND CARACAS ON THE HABITAT REGIONAL MEETINGS. HE WAS UNAWARE, HOWEVER, THAT HABITAT SYG PENALOSA INTENDS TO ATTEMPT TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE OF INVITATIONS AT THE PREPCOM BY DELETING REFERENCE TO THAT ISSUE FROM THE AGENDA. IN THIS CONNECTION, ELIASHIV AND LADOR WILL ENDEAVOR TO MEET WITH PENALOSA PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE PREPCOM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE GOI DEMARCHES ON THIS ISSUE, LADOR RESPONDED THAT
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THEY HAVE RECEIVED VERY ENCOURAGING REPLIES FROM

LATIN AMERICAN STATES AND FROM EUROPE. THEY HOWEVER HAVE NOT MANAGED TO DEVELOP MUCH OF A FEELING FOR THE POSSIBLE ATTITUDE OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. THEY FOUND SOME INDIRECT CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT "4 OR 5 GOVERNMENTS" CONTESTED THE ECA DECISION. THEY MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY KENYA, ZAIRE AND SENEGAL. EVEN MORE HEARTENING FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA.

3. USUN WILL IN THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK AND NEXT ATTEMPT DISCREETLY TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS SITUATION. MOST NATIONAL DELEGATIONS REMAIN ON VACATION BUT WILL RETURN FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PREPCOM ON AUGUST 18.

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